

Upper Rio Grande Basin Water Operations Review Executive Committee meeting, November 13, 2002

Corps of Engineers, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

In attendance:

John Stomp, City of Albuquerque

Gail Stockton, Corps

Major Bailey, Corps

Jim Chavez, City of Albuquerque

Rhea Graham, NMISC

Marc Sidlow, Corps

Steve Hansen, BOR

- The Executive Committee approved the meeting notes for the June 6, 2002 meeting held at the Bureau of Reclamation. These notes will be posted on the project website.
- The City of Albuquerque's involvement in the Review and EIS was discussed. The City is still interested in being a joint lead agency related to their action to amend their storage contract with the Corps at Abiquiu. They said they could obtain the resources necessary for their participation. The project managers are researching if there are any Council On Environmental Quality (CEQ) requirements that would need to be addressed. The Joint Lead Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) would require amendment.
- The Executive Committee will sign letters thanking our formal and informal cooperating agencies that have helped so much with the Review and EIS to date.
- Various handouts were distributed and briefly discussed: Information Meeting Summary, Current Integrated Work Plan, Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Planning Aid Letters (PAL) 1 & 2, and the Corps response to PAL 2. All but the Work Plan are final documents and will be posted on the website. The Integrated Work Plan will be updated once a year to reflect current schedule and budget information. The project is currently on schedule and within the budget estimate provided in the Work Plan attached to the January 2000 Joint Lead Agency MOA.
- The Steering Committee agenda for the November 15, 2002 meeting was discussed and approved.
- Federal funds for FY 2003 execution of the Upper Rio Grande Water Operations Review and EIS are currently under Continuing Resolution Authority. The Executive Committee said they are pleased with the progress and value of this effort and will do their best to help maintain resources for it.
- The next Executive Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 2003.

Approved by the Executive Committee at the November 10, 2004 meeting.